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SUBJ: DEPSEC VISIT TO SOUTH ASIA: PAKISTAN

REF: STATE 59833; ISLAMABAD 2408; ISLAMABAD 2529

1. CHARGE WAS ABLE TO REACH MFA AMERICAS DIRECTOR GENERAL ZAKI EARLY MORNING APRIL 2 TO CONVEY CHANGE IN ISLAMABAD PORTION OF DEPSEC VISIT. ZAKI SAID ADDITIONAL OVERNIGHT IN ISLAMABAD APRIL 26 WAS OF COURSE ACCEPTABLE TO GOP.

2. ZAKI SAID THAT GOP WISHED INVITE DEPSEC AND MRS. RUSH AND ASST SECY SISCO AND MRS. SISCO TO BE GUESTS OF GOP DURING THEIR STAY IN PAKISTAN. HE ADDED THAT INASMUCH AS FORMER OFFICIAL STATE GUEST HOUSE WAS BEING OCCUPIED BY VARIOUS SENIOR GOP OFFICIALS, GOP WOULD PROPOSE TO LODGE GUESTS AT HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL, RAWALPINDI WITH GOP PAYING LODGING COSTS. (COMMENT: IN ISLAMABAD 2408, I CONVEYED INVITATION TO VIPS TO STAY AT AMBASSADOR' S RESIDENCE, ISLAMABAD . RESIDENCE WOULD BE MORE COMFORTABLE THAN HOTEL AND IS LOCATED NEAR EMBASSY. WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF DEPSEC' S WISHES WITH REGARD TO ACCOMMODATIONS.)

3. IN VIEW EXTENSION OF DEPSEC' S VISIT, WE PROPOSE THAT EFFORT BE MADE TO SCHEDULE PRESIDENT BHUTTO' S DINNER FOR VISITORS FOR APRIL 26. THAT WOULD PERMIT VISITORS TO
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HAVE SMALL INFORMAL DINNER AT CHARGE' S RESIDENCE WITH
MISSION PERSONNEL APRIL 25 AS ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED.

4. SINCE PARTY WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL TIME DURING ISLAMABAD
STOPOVER, WOULD DEPSEC BE INTERESTED IN VISITING SITE
OF TARBELA DAM AFTERNOON APRIL 26 IF PERMITTED BY
SCHEDULE TO BE DISCUSSED WITH GOP? VISIT WOULD TAKE
APPROXIMATELY 3 AND ONE HALF HOURS INCLUDING TRAVEL TIME. IF
INTERESTED, EMBASSY WOULD EXPLORE AVAILABILITY OF AIR-
CRAFT FOR TRAVEL FROM ISLAMABAD TO TARBELA AND RETURN.
IN OUR VIEW, THERE WOULD BE SHARPLY DIMINISHING VALUE IN
DEPSEC' S CALLING ON OFFICIALS OTHER THAN THOSE ALREADY
SUGGESTED (PRESIDENT BHUTTO, FINMIN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN
PLANNING COMMISSION, AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE
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